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SUBJECT: AMIR OFFERS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR WOUNDED IRAQIS

Classified By: Political Counselor Pete O'Donohue for reasons 1.4 b and d

¶1. (U) The Kuwaiti media reported August 27 that Amir Shaykh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al Sabah has instructed his government to assist in transporting to Kuwait for medical assistance a number of Iraqis injured in August 19 truck bomb blasts in Baghdad. This message was conveyed in a statement by Minister for Cabinet Affairs Roudhan Al-Roudhan.

¶2. (C) Kuwait's Ambassador to Iraq, Ali Al-Mou'min subsequently told Polcouns that he had been informed of the Amir's gesture, but indicated timing and specifics remained to be worked out. Asking that the information be kept confidential, Al-Mou'min told Polcounselor that the Kuwait Air Force (KAF) has been instructed to confer with GOI authorities about the possibility of sending a Kuwaiti military aircraft to Baghdad to assist with medevac, if needed.

¶3. (C) Comment: The Amir's gesture is consistent with long-standing Kuwaiti efforts to assist victims of violence in Iraq. Were the KAF to be allowed to send a Kuwaiti military aircraft to assist in the operation, per Al-Mou'min's suggestion, this would be a significant bilateral first.

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